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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Kazutoshi WATANABE et al.

Group Art Unit : 1624

Appl No : 09/787,426

Examiner : Tamthom Ngo Truong

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For : PYRIMIDONE DERIVATIVES

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.112  
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 19, 2003**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir :

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2003, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until February 19, 2004.

Applicants note that this response is being filed by the initial due date for response whereby an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time is required, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the instant amendment, with reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.